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71/250. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 69/14 of 11 November 2014 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons,

Having received the annual report for 2014 and the draft report for 2015 of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2014 and the draft report for 2015 of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons submitted on its behalf by its Director General;[1]

2. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing work of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons with regard to the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;[2]

3. *Welcomes* the effective and ongoing cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, as demonstrated through, inter alia, the work of the Joint Investigative Mechanism of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations, which was established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2235 (2015) of 7 August 2015 and extended for one year pursuant to Council resolution 2319 (2016) of 17 November 2016;

4. *Takes note* of Security Council resolution 2209 (2015) of 6 March 2015, by which the Council noted the first, second and third reports of the fact-finding mission of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons,[3] which was

[1] See A/71/207.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1974, No. 33757.

[3] See S/2015/138.

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mandated to establish the facts surrounding allegations of the use of toxic chemicals for hostile purposes in the Syrian Arab Republic;

5. *Welcomes* decision EC-M-52/Dec.1 of 20 July 2016 of the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on the destruction of Libya's remaining chemical weapons, which was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 2298 (2016) of 22 July 2016, and also welcomes the progress made in the implementation of this decision, as reported by the Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to the Security Council in his report to the Secretary-General dated 8 November 2016;[4]

6. *Also welcomes* the establishment by the Executive Council of an open-ended working group on the future priorities of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, pursuant to its decision of 14 July 2016, as an informal mechanism, with a view to supplying holistic, coherent, forward-looking and action-oriented recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention at its fourth special session, to be held in 2018;

7. *Further welcomes* the Declaration on the Occasion of the Centennial Commemoration of the First Large-Scale Use of Chemical Weapons at Ieper, which was adopted in 2015 by the States parties to the Convention on the occasion of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the first large-scale use of chemical weapons in Ieper, Belgium, which served to honour the memory of all victims of chemical warfare, as well as to rededicate collective efforts to rid the world of chemical weapons;

8. *Welcomes* the preparations being undertaken by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Organization, in April 2017;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons".

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[4] See S/2016/943.